AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf 1. & (Currently Amended) & A sulfonamide compound \\ according to formula & I \end{tabular}$

$$Ar^{1}$$
 N $(CH_{2})_{n}$ Ar^{2} SO_{2} Y X R^{1}

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with its geometrical isomers, in an optically active form as enantiomers, diastereomers, as well as in the form of racemates, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

Ar 1 τ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, or pyridyl, and optionally substituted by substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkyl, amino, aminoacylacylamino, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halo, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy, acyloxy, C_1 - C_6 thioalkoxy;

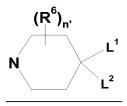
 ${\rm Ar}^2$ is selected from the group consisting of thienyl, furanyl, ${\rm or}$ and pyridyl;

X is O or S;

 R^1 is hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 -alkyl group, or R^1 forms a substituted or unsubstituted 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring with Ar^1 ;

n is an integer from 0 to 5;

Y within formula I is a substituted or unsubstituted piperidino moiety, whereby one nitrogen atom within said piperidino moiety forms a bond with the sulfonyl group of formula I thus providing a sulfonamide, Y is a piperidino group of the formula



wherein

L¹ and L² are independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, and substituted or unsubstituted cyclic C_4 - C_8 -alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl; or L¹ and L² are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, aryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, -C(0)-OR³, -C(0)-R³, -C(0)-NR³'R³, -NR³'C(0)R³, -NR³'C(0)R³, -NR³'C(0)R³, -

with R^3 and $R^{3'}$ being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted aryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy or C_1 - C_6 -thioalkoxy; and

 R^6 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl, and oxo (=0); and

n' is an integer from 0 to 4;

with the proviso that if Ar^1 is 4-chlorophenyl, then X is O, R^1 is H, Ar^2 is thienyl, and Y is not para-substituted by 2-hydroxyethyl.

with the further proviso that if Ar^1 is phenyl, then X is O, R^1 is H, Ar^2 is thienyl, and Y is not substituted in its β position by a benzo [5,6] cyclohepta [1,2b] pyridine or a benzo [5,6] cyclohept [3,4]ene [1,2b] pyridine;

with the final proviso that if X is oxygen, then Y shall not be substituted by a group (C=0)N(R,R') at the α -position of the sulfonamide nitrogen in which R and R' are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl aryl or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl heteroaryl;

wherein the term "substituted" means that the group that is substituted is substituted with from its 5 substituents, said substituents being a group selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ alkyl aryl; -G₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroaryl C₁-C₆ alkyl heteroaryl; C₂-C₆ alkenyl; C₂-C₆ alkynyl; primary, secondary or tertiary amino groups; quaternary ammonium groups; acyl; acyloxy; acylamino; aminocarbonyl; alkoxycarbonyl; aryl; heteroaryl; carboxyl; cyano; halogen; hydroxyl; mercapto; nitro; sulfoxy; sulfonyl; alkoxy, thioalkoxy; and trihalomethyl; and wherein neighboring substituents have undergone ring closure to form lactams; lactones; cyclic anhydrides; acetals; thuioacetals; or aminals formed by ring closure between vicinal functional substituents.

2. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a sulfonamide compound according to formula I

$$Ar^{1}$$
 N $(CH_{2})_{n}$ Ar^{2} SO_{2} Y X R^{1}

with its geometrical isomers, in an optically active form as enantiomers, dia-stereomers diastereoisomers, as well as in the form of racemates, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

X is O or S;

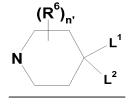
Ar¹ and Ar² are <u>a</u> substituted or unsubstituted aryl or heteroaryl group with the proviso that Ar² is neither 1,3-phenylene or 1,4-phenylene and Ar¹ is not phenylene or quinazoline that is substituted by nitro, hydroxyl, or 3,4-dichlorophenyl amino τ ;

 R^1 is hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 -alkyl group, or R^1 forms a substituted or unsubstituted 5-6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring with Ar^1 ;

n is an integer from 0 to 5;

Y within formula I is a piperidino group whereby one nitrogen atom within said piperidino group forms a bond with the sulfonyl group of formula I thus providing a sulfonamide;

Y is a piperidino group of the formula



wherein

L¹ and L² are independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted cyclic C_4 - C_8 -alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl; or L¹ and L² are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, aryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, -C(0)- OR^3 , -C(0)- R^3 , -C(0)- NR^3 ' R^3 , - R^3 ', - R^3 '

with R^3 and $R^{3'}$ being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted aryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy, or C_1 - C_6 -thioalkoxy; and

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl, and oxo (=0); and

n' is an integer from 0 to 4;

with the proviso that if Y is substituted at the β -position of the piperidino- nitrogen by a benzo[5, 6]cyclohepta[1, 2b]pyridine, or a benzo[5, 6]cyclohept [3,4] ene [1, 2b]pyridine, while Ar^2 is thienyl, X is oxygen, R^1 is hydrogen and n is 1, Ar^1 shall not be a phenyl group;

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

with the final proviso that if X is oxygen, Y shall not be substituted by a group (C=0)N(R,R') at the α -position of the sulfonamide nitrogen in which R and R' are independently chosen from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl aryl or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl heteroaryl.

3-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar^1 and Ar^2 are independently is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, and optionally substituted by C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, amino, acylamino,

aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl and C_1 - C_6 -thioalkoxy.

- 6. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 5, wherein Ar^1 is an unsubstituted or substituted phenyl.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 5, wherein Ar² is an unsubstituted or substituted thienyl or furanyl group.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar¹ is selected from the group consisting of a 4-chlorophenyl, nitrophenyl, hydroxyphenyl, alkoxy phenyl, pyridyl, 3,4,-dihydroxyphenyl, thioxodihydropyridine or its tautomer and pyrazole and X is O, R¹ is hydrogen, n is 1, Ar² is thienyl or furanyl.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 8, wherein Y is

$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{R}^{6} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{n}^{1}}$$

 $(R^6)_{n'}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl, and oxo; n' is an integer of from 0 to 4; and

wherein L^1 and L^2 are independently selected from each other from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 - alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkenyl; or L^1 and L^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted cyclic C_4 - C_8 alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl, aryl- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1 - C_4 alkyl, -C(0)- OR^3 , -C(0)- R^3 , -C(0)- NR^3 ' R^3 , $-NR^3$ 'C(0)R R^3 ', $-NR^3$ '-C(0)NR R^3 R R^3 , $-(SO_2)$ R R^3 , $-(SO_2)$ R R^3 , $-(SO_2)$ R R^3 , $-(SO_2)$ R R^3 , and $-SO_2$ NR R^3 R R^3 ';

with R^3 and $R^{3'}$ being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_4 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted aryl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting

of C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy and C_1 - C_6 -thioalkoxy.

10. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 9, wherein R^6 is H, L^2 is H, L^1 is a 5-membered cyclic group containing 3 heteroatoms or L^1 is $-C(0)-R^3$, or $-NHR^3$;

wherein Y is

$$\mathbf{N} \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^{6})_{n'}}_{\mathbf{L}^{2}}$$

n' is an integer of from 0 to 4;

with R^3 being a substituent selected from the group comprising or consisting of C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl and heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, or sulfonyl.

11. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, selected from the group consisting of:

4-chloro-N-{5-[4-(3-trifluoromethanesulfonylphenylamino)-piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-thiophen-2-ylmethyl}benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-fluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-hydroxy-4-phenylpiperidin-1yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; N-({5-[(4-benzoylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl}methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1Hbenzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2yl) methyl]benzamide; N-({5-[(4-benzylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl}methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; tert-butyl 1-[(5-{[(4chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4vlcarbamate; 4-chloro-N-{[5-(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl}benzamide; 4-chloro-N-{[5-({3-hydroxy-4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl}benzamide;

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N-[(5-[[4-(benzyloxy)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl]thien-
2-yl) methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-hydroxypiperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-({5-[(4-benzyl-4-hydroxypiperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[(2-tert-butyl-1H-indol-5-
yl)amino|piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl|methyl}-4-
chlorobenzamide;
          4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[(phenylacetyl)amino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-2-yl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         4-chloro-N-([5-[(4-phenoxypiperidin-1-
yl) sulfonyl] thien-2-yl] methyl) benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[benzyl(methyl)amino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;
          4-chloro-N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1H-
pyrazol-5-yl]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(5-thien-2-yl-1H-pyrazol-3-
yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
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4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2,3,4,5,6-

pentamethylbenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N- $\{[5-(\{4-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-$

3-yl]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-

yl}methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-1-

yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

 $N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-$

yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

2-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-

yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-2H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-

carboxylic acid;

methyl $1 - \{1 - [(5 - \{[(4 -$

chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-

yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylate;

methyl $1-\{1-[(5-\{[(4-$

chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-

yl}-1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazole-6-carboxylate;

methyl $2-\{1-[(5-\{[(4-$

chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-

yl}-2H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5-carboxylate;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(6-chloro-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-1,2,3benzotriazol-1-yl]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl}benzamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(7-aza-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 1-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-5carboxylic acid; 1-{1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole-6carboxylic acid; $N-[(5-\{[4-(2-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(9H-purin-9-vl)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(6-amino-9H-purin-9-yl)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{6-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1yl}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; 4-chloro-N-($\{5-[(4-\{5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-1-interval)\}\})$ yl}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;

 $4-chloro-N-[(5-\{[4-(2H-1,2,3-triazol-2-yl)piperidin-$ 1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-propylanilino]piperidin-1yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[3-(trifluoromethyl)anilino|piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl}benzamide; methyl $3-(\{1-[(5-\{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]$ methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)-benzoate; 4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl}benzamide; 4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)benzamide;

3-({1-[(5-{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl}thien-2-

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4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[2-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino|piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitro-4-
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl|sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl|benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[4-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2.
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{4-
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-{[5-({4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;
         4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[4-(1,3-dithiolan-2-
yl) anilino]piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl) thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
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4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2yllmethyl}benzamide; N-([5-[(4-[3-[amino(imino)methyl]anilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl]methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-([5-[(4-[3-[(2hydroxyethyl) sulfonyl] anilino] piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl] thien-2yl) methyl) benzamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(2-aminoanilino)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-([5-[(4-[3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]anilino)piperidin-1yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl]methyl)benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-toluidino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

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4-chloro-N-([5-[(4-[[3-chloro-5-
(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]amino)piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl]methyl)benzamide;
      4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[3-(1,3-oxazol-5-
vl) anilino | piperidin-1-yl | sulfonyl | thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl|sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl|-4-chlorobenzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[(2,2-dioxido-1,3-dihydro-2-
benzothien-5-yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-
ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-({3-nitropyridin-2-
yl}amino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-chlorobenzamide;
         N-[(5-([4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;
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N-[(5-[(4-(3-benzylanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[4-(morpholin-4ylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2yllmethyllbenzamide; 4-chloro-N-($\{5-\lceil (4-\lceil (4-\lceil (4-\lceil (trifluoromethyl))))\}$) yl]amino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-[[4-(3-cyclohexyl-4hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2yl) methyl]benzamide; N-(|5-|(4-|3-[(butylamino)sulfonyl]anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl)methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-ethylanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-1ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; $N-\{[5-(4-[3-(aminosulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide; 4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(quinolin-5-ylamino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

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4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(quinolin-8-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         4-Chloro-N-[(5-[[4-(3-propylphenoxy)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{3-
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-v])piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
          3-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(3-\text{methoxyanilino})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         3-nitro-N-[[5-([4-[3-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-nitro-N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-
(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
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 $3-nitro-N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-$ (methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl}benzamide; $N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(aminosulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1$ yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide; methyl $3-\{[1-(\{5-[(\{3-\text{nitrobenzoyl}\}\text{amino})\text{methyl}]$ thien-2-yl}sulfonyl)-piperidin-4-yl]amino}benzoate; N-{[5-({4-[3-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide; $3-\text{nitro-N-}(\{5-[(4-\{3-\text{nitroanilino}\}\text{piperidin-1-}$ yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; $3-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(2-\text{methoxyanilino})\text{piperidin-}1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 3-nitro-N-[[5-([4-[2-(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl]benzamide; $3-\text{nitro-N-}(\{5-[(4-\{2-\text{nitroanilino}\}\text{piperidin-}1$ yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide; 3-nitro-N-{[5-([4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl]benzamide;

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[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide;
          N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
          4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(3-\text{methoxyanilino})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         4-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino|piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-nitrobenzamide;
          4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(3-\text{propylanilino})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(methylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
          4-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
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 $N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(aminosulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1$ yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-nitrobenzamide; methyl $3-\{[1-(\{5-[(\{4-\text{nitrobenzoyl}\}\text{amino})\text{methyl}]$ thien-2-yl}sulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]amino}benzoate; $3-\{[1-(\{5-[(\{4-\text{nitrobenzoyl}\}\text{amino})\text{methyl}]\text{thien}-2$ yl}sulfonyl)piperidin-4-yl]amino}benzamide; $4-\text{nitro-N-}(\{5-[(4-\{3-\text{nitroanilino}\}\text{piperidin-}1$ yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; $4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(2-\text{methoxyanilino})\text{piperidin-}1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; 4-nitro-N-[[5-([4-[2-(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2yl]methyl]benzamide; 4-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide; 4-nitro-N-([5-([4-[4-(trifluoromethyl) anilino|piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl) thien-2yl]methyl]benzamide; 4-nitro-N-({5-[(4-{4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;

 $N-\{[5-(\{4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1$ yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-nitrobenzamide; N-[[5-([4-[4-(1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide; N-([5-[(4-[3-[amino(imino)methyl]anilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl)-3-nitrobenzamide; N-({5-(4-{3-(2hydroxyethyl) sulfonyl|anilino|piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl|thien-2yl)methyl)-3-nitrobenzamide; N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl}methyl)-3-nitrobenzamide; N-([5-[(4-[3-[(2hydroxyethyl) sulfonyl] anilino] piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl] thien-2vl)methyl)-4-nitrobenzamide; N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl}methyl)-4-nitrobenzamide; N-({5-[(4-{3-[amino(imino)methyl]anilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl)-4-nitrobenzamide; $3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-({3-nitropyridin-2-})]}$ yl}amino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; $N-\{[5-(\{4-[(2,2-dioxido-1,3-dihydro-2-benzothien-5$ yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3nitrobenzamide;

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N-[(5-\{[4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          3-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(4-\text{propylanilino})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-nitro-N-([5-([4-[3-(1,3-oxazol-5-
yl) anilino] piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl) thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          3-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(2-\text{phenylethyl})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         N-({5-[(4-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-
yl]amino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl]methyl)-3-
nitrobenzamide;
         N-[(5-[[4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
        N-[(5-[(4-(3-benzylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-nitro-N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(morpholin-4-
ylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
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3-nitro-N-[(5-[[4-(3-propylphenoxy)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-4-nitrobenzamide;
          4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-({3-nitropyridin-2-
yl}amino)piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl|benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
          4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(2-\text{propylanilino})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(4-\text{propylanilino})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
         4-nitro-N-[[5-([4-[3-(1,3-oxazol-5-
yl) anilino]piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl) thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
          4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(2-\text{phenylethyl})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         N-([5-[(4-[[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-
yl]amino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl]methyl)-4-
nitrobenzamide;
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N-[(5-([4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl]thicn-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
        N-[(5-[[4-(3-benzylanilino)piperidin-1-
v1]sulfonyl]thicn-2-yl)methyl]-4-nitrobenzamide;
          4-nitro-N-{[5-({4-[3-(morpholin-4-
ylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2-aminoanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-nitrobenzamide;
          N-({5-[(4-{2-nitro-4-}
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
         -3-nitro-N-([5-[(4-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-2-
yl]amino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl]methyl)benzamide;
        N-[(5-[[4-(3-cyclohexyl-4-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
    N-({5-[(4-{3-
[(butylamino)sulfonyl]anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-
yl)methyl)-3-nitrobenzamide;
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N-[(5-\{[4-(3-\text{ethylanilino})\text{piperidin}-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(5,6,7,8-\text{tetrahydronaphthalen-}1-
ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-\text{nitro-N-}[(5-\{[4-(3-\text{propylphenoxy})\text{piperidin-}1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-
yl|sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl|-3-nitrobenzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          2-Hydroxy-N-({5-[(4-{3-}
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-hydroxybenzamide;
         N=\{[5-(\{4-[4-(1,3-dithiolan-2-yl)\}anilino]piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl)-3-nitrobenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         3-methoxy-N-[[5-([4-[3-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
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N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-\{[5-({4-[3-
(methylsulfonyl) anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl) thien-2-
yllmethyl}benzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-\{[5-(\{4-[3-
(methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
        N-([5-([4-[3-(aminosulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          methyl 3-(\{1-[(5-\{[(3-methoxybenzoyl)amino]-
methyl}thien-2-yl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)-benzoate;
          N-{[5-({4-[3-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-(\{5-[(4-\{3-\text{nitroanilino}\}\text{piperidin}-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[[5-([4-[2-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino|piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
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N-(\{5-[(4-\{2-nitroanilino\}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-{[5-({4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;
         N-[[5-([4-[4-(1,3-dithiolan-2-v1)anilino|piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl)thicn-2-yl]methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl|sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl|-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-({5-[(4-{4-}
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-(\{5-[(4-\{3-[amino(imino)methyl]anilino\}piperidin-
1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N - (5 - (4 - 3 - (2 -
hydroxyethyl) sulfonyl] anilino | piperidin-1-yl) sulfonyl] thien-2-
yl)methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-({5-[(4-{3-}
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)benzamide;
          N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-
yl}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
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3-methoxy-N-([5-[(4-[3-
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]anilino]piperidin-1-
yl) sulfonyl] thien-2-yl] methyl) benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(4-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
         <del>3-nitro-N-([5-[(4-[3-</del>
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl|anilino|piperidin-1-
vl) sulfonyl|thien-2-yl|methyl)benzamide;
         4-nitro-N-([5-[(4-[3-
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]anilino)piperidin-1-
yl) sulfonyl] thien-2-yl) methyl) benzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(2-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[(3-aminopyridin-2-yl)amino]piperidin-1-
yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-[(5-\{[4-(\{3-\text{nitropyridin}-2-\text{yl}\}\text{amino})\text{piperidin}-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-\{[5-(\{4-[(2,2-dioxido-1,3-dihydro-2-benzothien-5-
yl)amino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}-3-
methoxybenzamide;
          N-[(5-{[4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-ylamino)piperidin-
1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
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3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(2-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(4-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         N-[(5-{[4-(3-tert-butylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
       N-([5-[(4-[[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-
vllamino|piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl|thien-2-yl|methyl)-3-
methoxybenzamide;
       3-methoxy-N-[[5-([4-[3-(1,3-oxazol-5-
yl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl]benzamide;
       N-[(5-[[4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ylamino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
   3-methoxy-N-[(5-[4-(3-propylphenoxy)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-\{[5-({4-[3-(morpholin-4-
ylsulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-
yl]methyl}benzamide;
          3-methoxy-N-[(5-{[4-(2-phenylethyl)piperidin-1-}
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;
         N-[(5-[(4-(3-benzylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
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3-methoxy-N-([5-[(4-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)pyrimidin-2-yl]amino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl) methyl) benzamide; N-[(5-([4-(3-cyclohexyl-4-hydroxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl|sulfonyl|thien-2-yl)methyl|-3-methoxybenzamide; N-([5-[(4-[3-[(butylamino)sulfonyl]anilino|piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2vl)methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(3-ethylanilino)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide; $3-\text{methoxy-N-}[(5-\{[4-(5,6,7,8-\text{tetrahydronaphthalen-}1$ ylamino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide; N-[(5-[(4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-y))piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-5-nitro-1H-pyrazole-3carboxamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3carboxamide; N-[(5-[(4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1yl]sulfonyl]thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3carboxamide; $N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1$ yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-3,4-dihydroxybenzamide;

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N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]pyridine-2-carboxamide;
          N-[(5-{[4-(hexyloxy)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-
yl)methyl]-3-methoxybenzamide;
          N-({5-[(4-heptanoylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-
yl}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-propylanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-\{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)-2-
furyl]methyl}benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(dimethylamino)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)-2-
furyl]methyl}benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(methylsulfonyl) anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl) -2-
furyl]methyl}benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-
(methylsulfanyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)-2-
furyl]methyl}benzamide;
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N-[[5-([4-[3-(aminosulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl)-2-furyl]methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;
          methyl 3-(\{1-[(5-\{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl\}-2-
furyl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)benzoate;
          3-(\{1-[(5-\{[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]methyl\}-2-
furyl)sulfonyl]piperidin-4-yl}amino)benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{3-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl}methyl)benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-\{[4-(2-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;
     4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[2-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)-2-
furyl]methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{2-nitroanilino}piperidin-1-
yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl}methyl)benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-[(5-\{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-
yl]sulfonyl}-2-furyl)methyl]benzamide;
        4-chloro-N-{[5-([4-[4-
(trifluoromethyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)-2-
furyl]methyl]benzamide;
          4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{4-
[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-
furyl}methyl)benzamide;
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 $N-\{[5-(\{4-[4-(aminocarbonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl\}sulfonyl)-2-furyl]methyl\}-4-chlorobenzamide;$

4-chloro-N-[[5-([4-[4-(1,3-dithiolan-2-

yl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)-2-furyl]methyl]benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-{3-[amino(imino)methyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl]methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-({5-[(4-{3-

[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]anilino}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-furyl}methyl)benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]-2-

furyl}methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide; and

4-nitro-N-([5-[(4-[3-

[(trifluoromethyl)sulfanyl]anilino)piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]2furyl)methyl)benzamide.

12. (Previously Presented) A sulfonamide compound according to claim 11, which is selected from the group consisting of:

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(2,4-difluorobenzoyl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

N-({5-[(4-anilinopiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl)-4-chlorobenzamide;

 $N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl\}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;$

N-[(5-{[4-(1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-chloro-N-{[5-({4-[3-propylanilino]piperidin-1-yl}sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl}benzamide;

4-chloro-N-[(5-{[4-(4-chloroanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

4-chloro-N-([5-[(4-[3-[(2-

hydroxyethyl)sulfonyl]anilino]piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2yl]methyl)benzamide;

N-{[5-([4-[3-(aminosulfonyl)anilino]piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl)thien-2-yl]methyl]-4-chlorobenzamide;

4-nitro-N-[(5-{[4-(3-methoxyanilino)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl}thien-2-yl)methyl]benzamide;

methyl $3-\{[1-(\{5-[(\{4-$

nitrobenzoyl}amino)methyl]thien-2-yl}sulfonyl)piperidin-4yl]amino}benzoate;

 $N-[(5-\{[4-(1H-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-yl)piperidin-1-yl]sulfonyl\}thien-2-yl)methyl]-2-hydroxybenzamide; and \\ N-(\{5-[(4-\{2-nitroanilino\}piperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl\}methyl)-3-methoxybenzamide.$

13-19. (Cancelled)

- 20. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition containing at least one sulfonamide compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.
- 21. (Currently Amended) Process for the preparation of a sulfonamide compound according to claim 1, comprising reacting a sulfonyl chloride according to formula V

$$Ar^{1}$$
 H N CH_{2} H Ar^{2} $SO_{2}CI$ V

with an amine according to formula VIII

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whereby

____n is an integer of from 0 to 5,

n' is an integer of from 0 to 4,

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, OH, halogen, nitro, cyano, sulfonyl and oxo;

 L^1 and L^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, and

substituted or unsubstituted C_3-C_6 alkynyl; or L^1 and L^2 are independently selected from the group consisting of substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl, aryl- C_1-C_6 alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1-C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cyclic C_4-C_8 alkyl optionally containing 1-3 heteroatoms and optionally fused with aryl or heteroaryl, $-C(0)R^3$, $-C(0)OR^3$, $-C(0)-NR^3'R^3$, $-NR^3'C(0)R^3$, $-NR^3'C(0)NR^3R^3$ - $(SO_2)R^3$, $NHSO_2R^3$ and $SO_2NR^3'R^3$;

with R^3 and $R^{3'}$ being substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl- C_1 - C_6 alkyl and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 alkyl and substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl- C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

said aryl or heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, amino, acylamino, aminocarbonyl, C_2 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, carboxyl, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfoxy and C_1 - C_6 thioalkoxy.

22. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 21, wherein said sulfonyl chloride of formula V is obtained by

a) coupling an amine of formula II:

$$R^1HN$$
— $(CH_2)_n$ — Ar^2

with an acyl chloride of formula III:

to provide an amide of formula IV:

$$Ar^{1} \longrightarrow N^{-}(CH_{2})_{n} \longrightarrow Ar^{2}$$

b) sulfonating the amide of formula IV to provide $\frac{a}{a}$ the sulfonyl chloride $\frac{a}{a}$

$$Ar^{1}$$
 H N $C(CH_{2})$ Ar^{2} $SO_{2}CI$ V .

23-26. (Cancelled)

- 27. (Previously Presented) The sulfonamide compound according to claim 1 wherein n is an integer of from 1 to 3.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The sulfonamide compound according to claim 27 wherein n is 1.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 2 wherein n is an integer of from 1 to 3.

- 30. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 29 wherein n is 1.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 3 wherein n is 1 or 2.

32-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The sulfonamide compound according to claim 5 wherein the $C_1\text{--}C_6$ alkyl group is trihalomethyl.

36-41. (Cancelled)